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Carpenter is closing on his motion.

SENATOR CARPENTER: No closing.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question is then do you want to adopt the Carpenter amendment which would adjourn you until a week from Monday, March 4. All those in favor of that amendment to the Proud amendment to adjourn then will vote aye. All those opposed will vote no. This motion will take 25 votes to bind the Body. You're voting on the Carpenter amendment to the adjournment motion by Senator Proud. Which would adjourn you until Monday, March 4, when you adjourn at the end of this week. Is that correct? All right, Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Point of order. How many senators are excused?

CLERK: We have 45 present.

SENATOR CARPENTER: 45 so you've got....

CLERK: Three are excused.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Three haven't been excused who could vote.

CLERK: Three are excused and one is absent and unaccounted for.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I just want to say one thing, I hope you're understanding what you're doing and the mess you're going to put yourselves in. I enjoy messes but I don't like to make them.

PRESIDENT: Well, have you all indicated your pleasure? Once again, have you all voted? Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, we have the motion clear. My original motion was that when we adjourn today we adjourn until the coming Monday. Then Senator Carpenter amended it that when we adjourn today, we adjourn until March 4th. Now, is that correct?

PRESIDENT: That's correct. That's the Chair's understanding. All right now. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails, to adjourn till Monday, March 4th, by the Chair's ruling. Now, we're back to the motion. That is to adjourn us, if we adjourn today, we would then convene Monday. Speaker Proud, the debate has closed. Do you want to have a closing on your motion?

SENATOR PROUD: No, I think everyone understands.

PRESIDENT: Now then, the motion is when we adjourn today, we adjourn until Monday. All those in favor of that motion, vote aye. All those opposed, vote no. The motion before you is that when you adjourn today is that you adjourn until next Monday. All those in favor of that motion, vote aye. Chair once again is going to rule that you have to have 25 votes in order to bind the Body to this particular action. Now, Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, this is awfully important because of the time element and I ask for a call of the house.

PRESIDENT: All right. Speaker Proud is asking for a call of the house. Clerk will clear the board. The next bell please indicates your support of a call of the house. This is a motion for a call of the house. Clerk will record.